

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
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v.) Cr. No. 17-10054-MLW
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STEPHEN WILLIAMS,)
Defendant.)

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

WOLF, D.J.

July 22, 2020

On March 27, 2018, the court sentenced defendant Stephen Williams to a term of 60 months imprisonment and 3 years Supervised Release on two counts of bank robbery. See Judgment (Dkt. No. 58). His projected release date is February 25, 2021. Williams has, however, filed a Motion for Compassionate Release under 18 U.S.C. §3582(c)(1) (the "Motion"). See Dkt. Nos. 62, 72.

Williams seeks a reduction in his sentence to time-served. He is suffering from severe gastrointestinal issues and contends that because of the COVID-19 pandemic he is unable to get adequate medical care in prison. Therefore, Williams asserts that there are "extraordinary and compelling reasons" for such a reduction. Id.

The government agrees that Williams should be released. See Dkt. No. 75. With the assent of Williams, it asks that the court reduce his sentence to time-served and order that he serve the

first seven months of his term of Supervised Release in home confinement at a location approved by Probation.

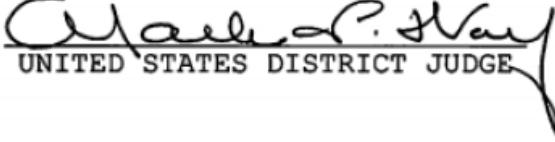
The court agrees that extraordinary and compelling reasons justify the reduction of Williams' sentence to time-served. See 18 U.S.C. §3582(c)(1)(A)(i); United States v. Pena, 2020 WL 2798259 (D. Mass. Mar. 29, 2020), at *7-9. Therefore, the Motion is being allowed.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that:

1. Defendant Stephen Williams' Motion for Compassionate Release Under 18 U.S.C. §3582(c)(1) (Dkt. Nos. 62, 72) is ALLOWED.

2. Williams' sentence is reduced to time-served and the terms of his Supervised Released are modified to add a special condition of home confinement, at a location approved by Probation, until February 25, 2021.

3. The Bureau of Prisons shall test Williams forthwith to determine if he is infected by the COVID-19 virus. If he is not, it shall release Williams immediately. If he is infected, the Bureau of Prisons shall request a modification of this Order. In any event, the Bureau of Prisons shall inform the court when Williams is released.


Michael P. Way
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE